RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): On the 25th July 1934, the Chief Engineer wrote to Government to say that the estimate for the work was under scrutiny in the Division Office, Trivandrum.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the estimated amount that was under scrutiny?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The rough estimate under scrutiny is Rs. 10,400.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Does the Government know that for the construction of the Munsiff's Court, the cost would only be Rs. 3,000?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I hav no information.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Does the member know that the estimate for Rs. 10,000 is a wrong estimate for the construction of the court?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot answer that question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether the Magistrate has complained about the staff of that court?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

Revenue and expenditure in the Tiruvalla and Changanachery taluks.

34. ***MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the revenue derived from various sources from the taluks of Tiruvalla and Changanachery and the amount spent in those taluks on (1) Public Works, (2) Education, (3) Medical and Sanitation, and (4) Agricultural needs, for the years 1108 and 1109?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASVAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Taluk-war particulars of revenue (including all items of revenue) and expenditure are not available.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know whether the Government have attempted to collect statistics regarding the revenue derived from various sources?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASVAMY AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The system of accounting is such that no attempt could be made now in that direction.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know why no statistics were collected?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASVAMY AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that question.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know to whom one should address for information in those particulars?

PRESIDENT: I do not think that Government will be a safe guide in this matter. It is for the member to decide whom to address.

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MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know from the member whether even after the receipt of this question an attempt was made to get the information called for so that the House may be informed of the details?

PRESIDENT: The Government member has already answered in very definite and unequivocal terms that this kind of information is not maintained because under the present system of accounting it is not possible

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Will the Government change the accounting system so that they may get the information?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASVAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): It is not possible unless the very basis of the present accounting system is changed. It is on a cash and a treasury basis now.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government contemplate such a change?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASVAMY AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I wish to know whether they think it desirable to make a change in that direction?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASVAMY AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Unless the usefulness of the change is brought to bear upon Government and they are convinced of it, it is not desirable to change the present system.

Destitutes in the State.

35 *MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruval'a I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have made any attempt to ascertain the number of destitutes (അശരണർ) in the State; and

(*b*) if so, when and the results thereon?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know from the member whether he is aware that Government made a promise during the first session that they will ascertain the number of destitutes?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Probably the Government did answer the question like that. I have not got the paper with me now.

MR N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know whether Government will take steps te get the information as early as possible?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are practical difficulties. But Government may consider the question. It is difficult to know who the destitutes are. In brackets it is written (അശരണർ). It is rather difficult to find them out. All that I can do is that Government will try to collect the information. But I cannot make a definite promise.

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